

In the Matter of )  
Inquiry Regarding Carrier Current) ET Docket  
Systems, including Broadband over) No. 03-104  
Power Line Systems )

EX-PARTE REPLY COMMENTS OF CORTLAND E. RICHMOND, Jr.  
to Comments of the American Public Power Association,  
dated July 26, 2003

This ex-parte Reply Comment of Cortland E. Richmond, Jr., is filed to Comments of the American Public Power Association, in this document referred to as APPA, in the matter above, dated 28 July 2003.

The writer has been involved in EMC and EMI engineering since 1983, spent 21 years in the United States Army working with airborne and ground communications equipment, and has been an Amateur Radio operator since 1958.

The APPA in its comment states that one hundred ninety seven of its members are providing BPL communciations to city governments inlciuding "... fire and police departments, court and correctional institutions." It is extremely unwise to entrust such vital communications to systems which must accept any interference they may receive.

The Commission should insist the governments involved be warned of the vulnerability incurred by using such service.

Respectfully submitted,

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